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TO

Amend the law relating to the Registration of Parliamentary Voters in Ireland, and for other purposes connected therewith.

A.D. 1855.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

- 5 1. Any person shall be qualified to be registered as a voter in the year *one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five* who would have been so qualified if the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1832, respecting the household franchise, and respecting persons deemed to be inhabitant occupiers, and the entry of
10 the names of persons on the rate book had been in force throughout the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and had been duly carried into effect; and where a rate has been made before the passing of this Act, the name of every such person if not entered in the rate book shall be added thereto, either in a separate column of
15 the rate book, or in a separate list, or otherwise, as may be most convenient.

Special provisions as to voters in 1855.

2. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, by Order in Council, to prescribe the forms which may appear to him to be necessary for carrying into effect the Parliamentary Registration
20 Acts, and this Act, with power to substitute any form, instructions or directions for any form, instructions or directions contained in any schedule to any of the Parliamentary Registration Acts, and any precept, notice, list, document or thing relating to the registration of parliamentary voters, made or done in the form so prescribed,
25 or as near thereto as circumstances may require, shall be deemed to be sufficient in law, and anything in connexion with the said registration done in accordance with the said Order in Council or as near thereto as circumstances admit, shall be deemed to be validly done.

Power of the Lord Lieutenant in Council to prescribe forms.

3. Medical or surgical assistance or the giving of medicine,
30 under any Act relating to Medical Charities in Ireland, shall not be deemed to constitute relief under the Acts for the more effectual

Dispensary relief not to disqualify. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 68.

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15 & 14 Vict.
c. 69, s. 111.Appeal
wherein
Judgment of
Revision
Court is
refused to
state a case.
41 & 42 Vict.
c. 26, s. 37.

Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland within the meaning of the Representation of the People Acts.

4. If any person feels aggrieved by the judge of a Revision Court neglecting or refusing to state any case in accordance with the enactments of the Registration Acts, he may within one month 5 after such neglect or refusal apply to the High Court of Justice upon affidavit of the facts for a rule calling on the judge of the Revision Court, and also on the person, if any, in whose favour the decision from which the applicant desires to appeal was given, to show cause why a rule should not be made directing the appeal 10 to be entertained and the case to be stated. And thereupon the High Court or any judge thereof may make such rule to show cause, and make the same absolute or discharge it with or without payment of costs as may seem just; and the judge of the Revision Court shall conform to any such rule if made absolute, and the 15 case shall be stated and the appeal entertained and heard, notwithstanding any limitation of time or place contained in the Registration Acts.

Polling districts.

5.—(1.) For the purpose of dividing a county in Ireland into polling districts, and assigning polling places for such polling 20 districts, in such manner as may be convenient for taking the votes of electors in accordance with the divisions into parliamentary constituencies, and so that every polling district may be wholly included in some one parliamentary constituency, the enactments specified in the schedule to this Act shall be re-enacted, and shall 25 be deemed to form part of this Act, subject to the amendments thereof set out in that schedule.

(2.) The first registration of voters after new polling districts have been constituted in any county under this Act, shall be made in the manner provided by law for the first registration of voters 30 after new polling districts had been constituted under the said enactments, and the forms of precepts, lists, and notices prescribed by the Registration Acts shall be adapted to such new polling districts.

(3.) Not later than one month after the passing of this Act the 35 Town Councils of the City of Dublin and the town of Belfast shall respectively take into consideration the division of the boroughs of Dublin and Belfast into polling districts, and shall respectively divide such boroughs anew into polling districts, in such manner as may be convenient for taking the votes of electors in accordance 40 with the division of such boroughs into parliamentary constituencies; and so that every polling district may be wholly included in some one parliamentary constituency.

The said Town Councils may respectively from time to time alter any division into polling districts made by them under this Act, and shall respectively publish a description of the polling districts made by them under this Act, in such manner as they think fit.

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- 5 (4.) If upon any revision under the Registration Acts it appears to the court that in any list the name of any person is by mistake inserted in one polling district instead of in another, the court shall correct such mistake; and with a view to making such correction, it shall be the duty of the court to compare every list presented
10 for revision in a county or borough with the order for the time being in force dividing such county or borough into polling districts.

- 15 6. The Local Government Board for Ireland may from time to time by order fix a scale or scales according to which clerks of unions and poor rate collectors shall be remunerated for their services in carrying the Registration Acts into effect; and according to which any expenses incurred by any board of guardians or by such clerks of unions or collectors under the same Acts shall be defrayed.

Remuneration of officers.
13 & 14 Vict. c. 63, s. 73; 31 & 32 Vict. c. 10, s. 23.

- 20 The boards of guardians of the several poor law unions are hereby required to pay out of union funds the amounts so fixed by the Local Government Board.

- This section shall apply to the Collector-General of Rates in Dublin in the same manner as it applies to the other officers mentioned in this section, and in Dublin the charge under this section in each year shall be apportioned between the North Dublin Union and
25 the South Dublin Union in such proportions as the Local Government Board may order.

7. (1.) An Order in Council under this Act shall be published in the Dublin Gazette, and be laid before both Houses of Parliament forthwith after it is made.

PUBLICATION, variation, and effect of order.

- 30 (2.) It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, by Order in Council, from time to time to add to or vary an Order in Council made under this Act, but, subject to any such addition or variation, an Order in Council purporting to be made under this Act shall be deemed to be within the provisions of this Act.

- 35 8. In this Act the expression "the Lord Lieutenant" includes the chief governor or governors of Ireland for the time being. Other expressions used in this Act have the same meanings respectively as in the Representation of the People Act, 1884.

Interpretation.

9. This Act shall apply to Ireland only, and may be cited for all
40 purposes as the Parliamentary Registration (Ireland) Act, 1885.

Extent and short title.

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SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENTS relative to NEW Polling Districts and Polling Places
and the Lists of Voters therein.

Session and Chapter.	Title.	Enactments applied.	
35 & 36 Vict. c. 33. -	The Ballot Act, 1872 -	Section 18, sub-sections 1 to 7, both included; sub-sections 11, 12, and 13; sub-section 17, sub-section 19.	5
35 & 37 Vict. c. 2. -	The Polling Districts (Ireland) Act, 1873.	Sections 1 and 2, and the schedules.	10

Amendments to be made in the above-mentioned enactments for the purposes of this Act:—

In the Ballot Act, 1872,—

- (1.) In section eighteen, sub-section one, the words "before the first day of November next after the passing of this Act," 15 shall be omitted.
- (2.) In section eighteen, sub-section four, the words "before the first day of December next after the passing of this Act" shall be omitted.

In both the Ballot Act, 1872, and the Polling Districts (Ireland) 20 Act, 1873,—

References to the said Acts, and to orders made, proceedings taken, or things done under them, shall be construed as if they were references to the enactments of, and to orders made, proceedings taken, and things done under the said Acts as they are 25 re-enacted by and incorporated into this Act.

The forms and directions contained in the schedule to the Polling Districts (Ireland) Act, 1873, may be varied in the manner provided by this Act.

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